THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The policy of Professionalisation of Boards of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) provides for requisite number of Functional, Government Nominee and non-official Directors. During the years 2005 and 2006, recommendations in respect of about 300 positions have been made by the Search Committee and Public Enterprises Selection Board for appointment as non-official Directors on the Boards of various CPSEs.

(c) The concerned CPSEs may take steps, wherever necessary, to amend their Articles of Association to bring them in line with guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises, in consultation with their Administrative Ministry/Department after complying with the provisions of the Companies Act.

Growth of production of the auto industry

2350. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual production of the auto industry in the country has been constantly increasing over the years;

(b) if so, the average annual rate of increase from the years, 2000-01 to 2005-06;

(c) the extent of average annual percentage of exports achieved by the auto industry during the said period; and

(d) the expectation of Government on the increase for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cumulative Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of production of the automotive industry from the year 2000-2001 to 2005-2006 was 17%.

(c) The Cumulative Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of exports during the period 2000-2001 to 2005-2006 was 32.92%.

(d) According to Society of India Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA),

the production of the automotive industry is expected to achieve a growth rate of over 20% in the year 2006-07 and about 15% in the year 2007-08. The export during the same period is expected to grow over 20%.

Appointment of Chairmen and Directors of PSUs

†2351. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure of appointing Chairmen and Directors in the Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the details of vacant posts of administrative heads lying vacant in Public Sector Undertakings for the past some time;

(c) the reasons for delay in filing up such vacant posts; and

(d) by when these posts are likely to be filled up by Goverment?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Chief Executives and Functional Directors are appointed in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) by the Administrative Ministries/Departments concerned on the basis of recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) after obtaining the approval of the competent Authority.

(b) As per available information, posts of Chief Executives in 12 CPSEs *viz.* Braithwaite and Company Limited, Burn Standard Company Limited, Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Limited, Dredging Corporation of India Limited, Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited, Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited, Instrumentation Limited, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation, North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited, Oil & Natural Gas Corporaton Limited and Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited are presently vacant.

(c) The reasons for delay in appointment to such posts include, delay in obtaining vigilance clearance/approval of competent authority, delay in taking over of charge by the appointee, sudden vacancies, posts

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